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NOTE.

THE pictures named in this Catalogue—the works of a small group of artists in France—have been brought to this city for the purpose of introducing to the notice of amateurs in America an interesting side of contemporary French Art. These paintings have been brought together by Mr. Durand-Ruel, the well-known art-dealer of Paris, who has always been among the foremost to welcome and encourage every movement by which, in our own time, the development of Art in France has been marked.

When the painters of 1830 appeared, their talent was for a long time warmly disputed. Artists, critics and amateurs cried out against them in angry chorus, and refused to accept the new comers. In spite, however, of the violent attacks of which they were the object, Mr. Durand-Ruel persisted in his support of them, confident that in time his belief in their merit would come to be shared by the public. He was justified by the result, and those persons who at first were most strongly opposed to him came finally to be as strongly on his side.

To-day the works of these painters have reached fabulous prices, and amateurs buy for more than their weight in gold, pictures they would hardly deign to look at a few years ago. The supply has failed in the market; all the fine canvases of Corot, Millet, Rousseau, and the rest, are in the galleries of well-known amateurs, and their owners refuse to part with them. To meet the demand for the work of these artists, search has been made, far and wide, for every vestige of their handiwork, and all that has been found has been seized upon with

avidity—studies, sketches, pictures which their painters had themselves rejected—all are gathered up by the art-dealers, and eagerly bought by the public.

This readiness on the part of the public to accept the most indifferently-painted pictures provided, only, that they are signed with famous names, is explicable in no other way except on the ground that among living artists there are none of first-rate talent. Such is by no means the case. The modern French school has in its ranks men of the highest artistic merit—worthy successors of the illustrious painters who preceded them. It is these artists Mr. Durand-Ruel has undertaken to make known to the public on this side the water; they are the men for whom he has fought during the last ten years, and whom to-day he hopes to see accepted here in America.

These artists, who have been called, not inappropriately, the open-air school, introduced so marked an individuality into their art, and showed so original a vein that at first sight they were misunderstood, like all men of genius. Amateurs accustomed to the black and bituminous tones of the school that is just now disappearing from the scene, have been frightened by the boldness of handling and the clear tones of these latest painters. But these new men, indifferent to the attacks made upon them, have resolutely pursued their way, and their efforts have finally succeeded in opening to the whole modern school the path which they should follow.

To-day the influence of these artists of the open-air school upon contemporary art is no longer to be denied, and the people who are the most hostile to them are forced to recognize the fact. Some of the very men who deny their talent have unconsciously imitated them.

For nearly ten years, the painters who are here presented to the public have exercised an influence at least as great and as effective as that of Millet, of Rousseau, of Daubigny, of all the painters, in fact, of the school of Barbizon; and the best judges declare that their works well sustain the comparison with the pictures of those departed masters.

Some of the artists of this group are still little known in America, although their pictures are sought for in France by the best amateurs and connoisseurs. Supported by the artists and by the same amateurs of repute who brought about the triumph of their predecessors, attacked by the same people who denied the talent of the men of Fontainebleau, their reputation increases year by year, and it will not be long before their works will be as much sought for as those of Rousseau, of Daubigny, of Diaz and of Fromentin.

An exhibition of the paintings of the new school was made last year in the galleries of the American Art Association and at the Academy of Design. The most distinguished amateurs of New York, the connoisseurs whose reputation is the best established, received these pictures with favor, and some among them with enthusiasm. Wishing to pursue a success so well begun, M. Durand-Ruel has decided to offer to the public a choice collection of the works of these masters, hoping that American collectors will not wait in this instance as they have done in others, until the works reach fabulous prices before determining to secure them for their collections.

FIRST EVENING'S SALE,

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

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MME. LAURA THERESA ALMA TADEMA

After the Rain

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AUGUSTE FEYEN-PERRIN

Sifting Grain

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AUGUSTE BOULARD

Marine

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EUGÈNE LOUIS BOUDIN

Bridge of Trouville

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EUGÈNE LOUIS BOUDIN

A Fair in Brittany

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JOHN LEWIS BROWN

Mount St. Michel

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JOHN LEWIS BROWN

Deer Hunting

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LOUIS EMILE BENASSIT

A Beggar

Water Color

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LOUIS EMILE BENASSIT

Horsemen

Water Color

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STANISLAS LÉPINE

Quay St. Bernard

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NARCISSE BERCHÈRE

Arabian Encampment

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VICTOR PIERRE HUGUET

Arabian Horseman

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GEORGES MICHEL

Landscape and Cattle

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ERNEST CHÉROT

The Sea by Moonlight

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HENRI LOUIS DUPRAY

Military Manœuvres

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HENRI LOUIS DUPRAY

An Aide-de-Camp

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EUGÈNE LOUIS BOUDIN

Cows at Pasture

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EUGÈNE LOUIS BOUDIN

Landscape and Cattle

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JOHN LEWIS BROWN

A Horseman

Water Color

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JOHN LEWIS BROWN

The Difficult Road

Water Color

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GEORGES MICHEL

Landscape with Mills

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MICHEL AND BROWN

Horsemen

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VICTOR PIERRE HUGUET

Hawking

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VICTOR PIERRE HUGUET

Windy Weather

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LOUIS EMILE BENASSIT

A Soldier on Horseback

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LOUIS EMILE BENASSIT

Riding Through a Forest

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LORD EDWIN WEEKS

The Declaration

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CLAUDE MONET

Landscape near Giverny

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CLAUDE MONET

Cliffs near Dieppe

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CLAUDE MONET

Vernon

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PIERRE DE KUYPER

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ALFRED SISLEY

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ALFRED SISLEY

Winter at Marly-le-roy

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CAMILLE PISSARRO

Wood Cutter

Water Color

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CAMILLE PISSARRO

Country Woman and Cow

Water Color

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CAMILLE PISSARRO

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JOHN LEWIS BROWN

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EUGÈNE LOUIS BOUDIN

Fishermen near Trouville

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VICTOR PIERRE HUGUET

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JOHN LEWIS BROWN

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PIERRE AUGUSTE RENOIR

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PIERRE AUGUSTE RENOIR

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PAUL VERNON

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PAUL VERNON

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PAUL VERNON

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AUGUSTE BOULARD

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EUGÈNE LOUIS BOUDIN

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JOHN LEWIS BROWN

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